modification of Rule 17 (*vide* his letter No. 170—145, dated 1st September 1893). He admitted that in some cases there was real hardship by the completion of work becoming impossible for want of funds, the original estimate having to be greatly exceeded in consequence of unforeseen difficulties].

Dewan's reply.—The point will receive attention. There is nothing to prevent the advance being increased, that is to say, a further advance being taken to complete the work.

Subject No. 139.

Railway feeder Roads to be constructed from Provincial Revenue.

Summary of discussion.—Railway feeder roads are now constructed from Local Funds; but as the additional income thereby derived is credited to Government, such roads should be constructed and maintained from Provincial Revenue, the Local Funds being released for other more locally beneficial purposes.

Dewan's reply.—It is not true that we make a profit out of Railways. They are constructed mainly for the benefit of the public.

Subject No. 140.

Batta to witnesses in Criminal cases.

Summary of discussion.—Witnesses attending Criminal Courts from distant places should be paid batta. At present batta is but rarely paid and on no uniform principle. Some rules should be laid down for observance as in British India. It is now paid only where witnesses clamour for it.

Dewan's reply.—This is being done where the witnesses are poor.

Subject No. 141.

Appointment of Itinerant officers.

Summary of discussion.—Separate officers should be appointed for the purpose of making tours through Districts and superintending all Revenue, Police and Magisterial work done therein. This would be conducive to the improvement of the condition of the people.

Dewan's reply.—Recorded.

Subject No. 142

Building sites to be given away on payment of a fixed price.

Summary of discussion.—The practice of selling building sites in villages by public auction should be put a stop to. Such vacant sites should always be given to the owners of adjacent houses or on payment of a fixed price.

Dewa 's reply.—No such general rule can be aid down.

Subject No. 143.

Harihar (Sub-Taluk) should either be constituted into a Taluk or a Sub-Treasury attached to the Deputy Amildar's office.

Summary of discussion.—The Jamabandi of the Harihar Sub-Taluk being nearly a lakh of Rupees, it should either be constituted an independent Taluk or a Sub-Treasury should be attached to the Deputy Amildar's office.

Dewan's reply.—This will be considered.

Subject No. 144.

Malebennur Jungles not to be reserved.

Dummary of discussion.—The Harihar Sub-Taluk is purely Maidan and the reservation of some of the Malebennur Jungles as State Forest has put the people to much inconvenience in the matter of firewood, &c. These Jungles do not contain valuable timber trees and may be left as before for the use of the raiyats.